

US Application No. 09/775032

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

Claim Status and Amendments

Claims 3-5,7 and 13-15 stand objected to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the elements of the base claim and any intervening claims.

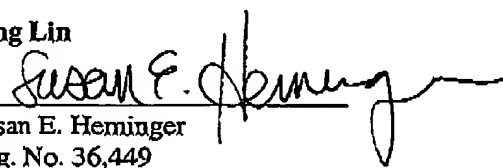
Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the elements of Claims 2 and 3 as suggested by the Examiner, thus putting it into allowable form. Claims 6, and 8-10 are dependent upon Claim 1 and hence are also allowable. Claim 14 is rewritten into independent form thus putting it into allowable form. Claims 11-13 and 15 are amended to be dependent upon Claim 14 and are thus allowable. Finally, Applicant has rewritten Claims 16-23 to incorporate the element of deriving an intensity function, the aspect as described in Claim 3, thereby also putting it into allowable form.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by these amendments. This application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

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